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Police*Reports on the Koilkuntla shooting affair.*

* 683 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to the reports of the District Magistrate of Kurnool and the Deputy Magistrate of Kurnool on the Koilkuntla shooting affair, the incident that occurred on the 5th July last in the matter of Jayaram and others of the Bijinivemula Mandiram,—

(a) what action the Government have taken or propose to take; and

(b) whether they have appointed or propose to appoint an outside tribunal to inquire into the incident and report to the Government?

A.—(a) The Government have not taken any action; they are awaiting the final disposal in the courts of the cases arising out of the incident.

(b) The Government have not appointed an outside tribunal and have not considered any such proposal.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—“May I know with reference to the answer to clause (b), whether the Government have not appointed an outside tribunal merely because the matter has not arisen? The Government has said in answer to (a) that they are awaiting the final disposal in the courts of the cases arising out of the incident. In (b) they say: The Government have not appointed an outside tribunal and have not considered any such proposal. Is this answer given because I have asked the question or is it the decision of the Government not to appoint such a tribunal?”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—“The Government refrained from deciding whether an enquiry should be made and if so by whom until the cases arising out of it had been closed in the courts. The Sessions Court has now passed its judgment in appeal and the question what further action should be taken is now under the consideration of the Government.”

Koilkuntla shooting incident.

* 684 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with regard to the Koilkuntla shooting incident—

(a) whether complaints have been received that the Police have gone beyond what is demanded by the necessities of the case; and

(b) whether he will appoint a mixed committee of officials and non-officials to investigate into the matter and report to the Government?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government are aware of no present necessity for this course.

Statement regarding the Koilkuntla shooting incident.

* 685 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to make a statement regarding the shooting at Koilkuntla with special reference to the following:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the shooting was done by only one police constable; if so, how he got at the ammunition;

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(b) whether the District Magistrate made a personal inquiry into the matter before he drew up the report or whether he relied upon the report of the Joint Magistrate mainly;

(c) whether there are any factions in Koilkuntla, and if so, who are the leaders of the factions, and which leader was helpful to the Police;

(d) whether the mob marched by the side of the houses of the Sub-Inspector of Police and the Sub-Magistrate, and whether any harm was done to their houses or to their inmates;

(e) whether the District Magistrate arrived at the scene before the Joint Magistrate and the District Superintendent of Police came; and whether the inquiry was not taken up by himself; if not, why not; and

(f) what the final result of the inquiry is?

A.—(a) Not so far as Government are aware.

(b) The District Magistrate made a personal enquiry at Koilkuntla.

(c) & (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The District Magistrate and District Superintendent of Police arrived together and before the Joint Magistrate.

The Joint Magistrate is the Magistrate in immediate charge of the subdivision; hence he conducted the enquiry.

(f) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 21st July 1927. Government await the final issue in the courts of the cases arising out of the occurrence.

MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the Magistrate who according to the answer was in immediate charge of the subdivision and who conducted the enquiry to make the report, did not also hear the cases arising out of the incident immediately after this? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ I am under that impression; I have not got a copy of the judgment on hand.”

MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ With regard to the answer to clause (a), may I know from the hon. the Law Member whether shooting was done by some constables or by any other higher officer concerned? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ I must ask for notice of that question.”

MR. P. ANJANEYULU :—“ As regards the answer to clause (d) that the Government have no information, in view of the implications contained in clauses (c) and (d) has the Government taken any steps to get the information? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ No special steps have been taken.”

MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I . . . ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The hon. Member has not got the permission of the chair. Unless he addresses the chair, he may not catch the intellectual eye of the chair.”

MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ Sir, may I know from the hon. the Law Member with reference to the answer to (d) whether the report of the Divisional Magistrate does not state that the lives of the sub-inspector of

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police and the sub-magistrate were in danger and whether the Divisional Officer's report does not also make it appear that the mob marched all along the houses of these people?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"It is sometime since I read the report. I should like to have notice if the hon. Member wants to cross-examine me on it."

Training for Police Superintendents in the Scotland Yard.

* 686 Q.—MR. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Government Order was issued some time back permitting some of the Police Superintendents on leave in England to undergo training in the Scotland Yard;

(b) if so, whether advantage has been taken of such permission by the Police Superintendents on leave in England and whether any underwent such training;

(c) if so, what is the number so trained, and the total cost, if any, incurred by the Government till now;

(d) whether officers receiving training are entitled to any allowance also;

(e) whether the knowledge gained has been utilized in this Presidency to any material advantage; if so, in what instances; and

(f) whether the Government have come to any conclusion regarding the necessity or otherwise of such training for Indian conditions?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Three were trained in 1925, two at the cost of Government. Three were recommended for training in 1926 and six in 1927, two at the cost of Government each year. The Government have till now incurred an expenditure of £63 towards fees for the officers nominated by them in addition to meeting their travelling and halting allowances. Details in regard to the latter are not known.

(d) The officers trained at the expense of the Government are entitled to travelling and halting allowances under the India Office rules while undergoing the training; they are not entitled to any other allowances on account of this training.

(e) & (f) The object of these courses is to give officers an opportunity of learning the latest methods employed in Police administration and Criminal Investigation. The Government are satisfied that the courses will be of value in keeping the Police of Madras in touch with these developments.

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know the total cost which the Government is incurring for training two people every year in England?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Figures are given in the answer."